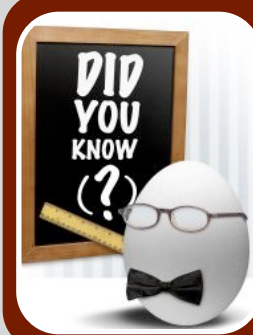


TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

Video Conferencing

CONNECTING PHS TO 21st CENTURY TECHNOLOGY!

Do you want to broaden your students' experience in the classroom? Worried that with the rising cost of fuel, you will be unlikely to supplement the curriculum with a worthwhile field trip? Why not bring the experience into your classroom? Video conferencing opens the door from your classroom to the world. The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) and MAGPI have the experience you've been waiting for.



Parkland has had the ability to video conference since 2000.



MAGPI is a great place to start looking for video conference opportunities. Subscribe to the MAGPI e-Newsletter and Mailing Lists. In order to better communicate with their subscribers, MAGPI uses the Newsweaver system to publish a bi-monthly e-newsletter and weekly program/applications updates. The newsletter and updates will alert you to information concerning MAGPI programs, advanced networking applications and other related events. To subscribe, fill out the quick form on their website.

<http://www.magpi.net/programs/index.html>



Students use the library classroom to meet Governor Rendell and 13 other schools to discuss current topics.



[Click here to view the Video.](#)
(must be a member of PHS Wiki)

SCHEDULE A VIDEO CONFERENCE

If you would like to schedule a video conference for your classroom, your department, or your PLC, contact Rob Uhl by email. uhl@parklandsd.org
ROB will:

- Meet with you during free time.
- Help you search for appropriate video conferences.
- Schedule and guide you through steps needed to register a conference.
- Test the connection early to make sure your class will run smoothly.
- Set up the equipment and be there to troubleshoot any problems when your video conference day is scheduled.

YOU just need to ask him!



"The [Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration](http://www.cilc.org/) (<http://www.cilc.org/>) supports and advances learning through video conferencing and other collaborative technologies. A nonprofit, CILC offers access to quality professional development and student educational content, as well as consulting services. This helps schools leverage technology to improve educational outcomes, while saving time and money" (CILC).

The CILC is a great resource for teachers who are looking to expand student experience in the classroom. Check out "[Content Provider Programs](#)" under the "Content for Students" tab to search available video conferences for your classroom. Simply put in a keyword to generate a list of available programs. Once you find a conference, discuss available funding with your department chair and building principal. Then, contact Rob Uhl to ensure support staff and availability of the library classroom. Please provide two weeks notice so that a test run can be conducted prior to your class. Be sure that the *Provider Broadcasts Over IP* to ensure Parkland can connect to the provider.

Aside from video conferencing, the CILC connects classrooms. If you are working on a project and would like to connect with a class studying the same content, you can post or search for a collaboration on the site.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Ferrio scheduled a video conference between her students, 13 other schools, and Governor Rendell. Pocono Mt. School District would now like to set up a follow up with Mrs. Ferrio's class.

Mrs. M. Stinebaugh has held video conferences for her broadcasting students. One conference focused on media literacy and advertising. She found it on this site: www.paleycenter.org/

We are currently looking to set up a video conference between Emmaus and Parkland in World Language. The teachers will set up a lesson and students will interact using only the German they learned in class.

Mr. Bodnar's class participated with 15 schools across the United States to discuss what they thought were the top 5 things the presidential candidates should address.

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MR. BODNAR, "This video conference served as a great opportunity for the students to debate and interact with other students from around the country. The technology allowed us to participate with ease assisted by Rob Uhl. I look forward to doing this again."

MRS. FERRIO, "What a wonderful experience for all of us. Everything went smoothly. The event was an experience the students will always remember. I would call that a success!"

Student 1, "It was so cool to talk to Governor Rendell and see him comment about the Iron Pigs."

Student 2, "It was crazy to see 13 other schools doing this while we were in the library classroom."